



The Lincoln School

Lincletter

Wednesday

March 18, 2009

CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to everyone who supported the 5th Grade Babysitting Services during the Parent Teacher Conferences last week. Betsy Walsh and Karina Nolasco deserve extra kudos for their recruiting efforts as do all the parent volunteers and 5th graders who rose to the occasion and helped out. We also want to thank Jenny Rappole and Kerry Campbell and the entire Social Committee for the delicious lunch they provided to the teachers last Wednesday. We had a great turn-out at our St. Patrick's Day LSPA Meeting and want to thank all those who were able to attend (and to the McDonough Family for the great Irish Soda Bread!). Our Calendar is chock-full of events including Mentor Night on April 2nd and our Volunteer Recruitment Open House on April 8th so mark your calendars and please join us.

—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

CALENDAR

Thurs, March 26th: 11:30 early release,
Professional Development

Thurs, March 26th
5th Graders Polar Project Wrap Up
11:45 – 1 PM Lincoln Auditorium

Thurs, April 2nd: Mentor Night

Wed, April 8th: 8:30am Volunteer
Recruitment Open House and LSPA
Meeting

SOCIAL COMMITTEE THANKS

We would like once again to extend a bit thank you to all the wonderful parents on our social committee who baked, tossed, and purchased the delicious desserts, salads, chips and beverages for the Teachers' Luncheon this past week. We were happy to be able to provide our staff with a nice, convenient lunch consisting of Whole Foods wraps and all the additional goodies provided by the following Lincoln parents: Lindsey D'Angelo, Jen Degnan, Emma Egan, Lisa Green, Kathy Kendall, Kevin Moorehead, Marcy Pike, and Cindy Stewart. Thank You!!

Kerry Campbell and Jennifer Rappole
Social Committee Co-Chairs



Another counting will be done soon so please bring in your Box Tops. Every last one helps!

Lead Box Top collectors as of February 2009:

1 st Place	C. Flaherty	1 st grade	931
2 nd Place	A. Hunt	Kindergarten	728
3 rd Place	M. Barford	4 th grade	671
4 th Place	J. Linehan	3 rd grade	642
5 th Place	J. McElaney	4 th grade	513
6 th Place	T. Wallace	5 th grade	504
7 th Place	E. Adams	2 nd grade	501
8 th Place	T. Fitch	3 rd grade	421
9 th Place	C. Wolfe	1 st grade	420

5th GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS

It's a Winchester tradition for all 5th Grade Choruses from Winchester to come together for an evening of choral singing at Winchester High School Auditorium. This annual Spring Sing Fling is a wonderful opportunity for the 5th Graders to hear and be heard. This year's concert will feature High School Octets and Chamber Singers who will sing a combined number with the elementary choruses.

The concert will take place on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 pm. Students should arrive at WHS Auditorium at 7:10 pm for warm-ups and a quick rehearsal. The concert is free and open to families and friends of 5th Grade students. The length of the concert is approximately one hour.

"ECOTHON" UPDATE

The 5th Graders' Family "Eco-Thon" is going strong! Please see the attached flier and checklist for information, and drop off your contributions by March 23rd to the Eco-Thon box in the Lincoln School lobby or with your child's teacher.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

MARCH SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC COFFEE

Winchester Special Education PAC is hosting a coffee on Friday, March 20th, 9:30 - 11:30 am at the home of Cara

Falconi, 62 Water St. Come by and chat with School Committee members Sarah Girotti and Michael Schindelman.

PARENTING BOOK GROUP

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library is offering a series of four books group discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. The 3rd and 4th book group discussions will be on March 19th for *Season of Life* by Jeffrey Marx and on April 30th for *Nineteen Minutes* by Jodi Picoult 7:30 to 9pm.

The book is available at the Circulation Desk of the Library, and can be purchased at Book Ends, where you will receive a 20% discount if you mention the book group. Our final group discussion of the year will be on April 30, when we will be talking about the profound parenting issues raised in Jodi Picoult's novel about a school shooting, *Nineteen Minutes*. For more information, contact Parent to Parent at parenttoparentwinchester.org.

WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE

THEATER PRESENTS CINDERELLA!

Come relive the enchantment of the Cinderella story with Winchester Co-op Theatre. This classic fairytale comes to life with singing, dancing and a good dose of humor from 4th, 5th and 6th grade actors. From the cruelest stepsister to the kindest mice, these young actors will inspire you with a story of hope as Cinderella combats the drudgery in her life with the happiness in her heart.

Friday March 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 21 @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday March 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24 @ 4:00 p.m. benefit show (Friends of WHS Band)

Friday March 27 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 28 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

Sunday March 29 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.

McCall Middle School; Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each); recommended for ages 3 and up. You may also purchase tickets directly from the actors in Cinderella who attend Lincoln! Feel free to contact the parents of any of the following children to buy tickets: Alexis Costales,

Amanda Frate, Hope Johnson, Spencer Leuba, Lexie Masiello, Sarah McDonough, Elizabeth Murray, Carolyn Pine, and Brendan Pulsifer.

STAND FOR CHILDREN CALL TO ACTION!

Help us send 1,000 post cards to the State House to support Massachusetts Schools! Can't make Stand for Children's March 24th rally? Then send along a post card! This year, our goal is to collect 1,000 postcards with personal statements about how tight times are affecting Winchester schools. These cards will be added to thousands from around the state and delivered to legislators in a united show of concern for Massachusetts public education in these difficult times. Help make Winchester's voice be heard!

Please take a minute now to click on this link to fill out the form that will create your postcard to Sen. Pat Jehlen and/or Rep. Jason Lewis: www.stand.org/postcard. Of course, we'd love to have you along! To attend this year's Rally Day on March 24 when we bring bags of cards to legislators, RSVP to Jeanette Kolodziej at jkolodziej@comcast.net. The bus for the indoor rally at the State House will leave Winchester at 9am and return by 12:30. For more information on Rally Day and this year's Legislative agenda, visit www.stand.org/ma.

STAND FOR CHILDREN

On February 9th, the Stand for Children Education Funding Forum began with a description of a vision for quality 21st century education and included a presentation of Winchester's school budget request and school building plans. Each speaker issued a call to action to join Stand for Children's Lobby Day on March 24th at the State House (see above for more info).

The key local challenge addressed by speakers was keeping up with Winchester's persistent rapid enrollment growth. While state funding increases for Education Aid have helped significantly in recent years, the increased aid has not been enough to keep up with the rise in the number of students in our schools. This year, Stand for Children's legislative agenda will help by defending state funding for schools, encourage policies that will help save districts money, and seek innovation and long-term funding.

For those who missed the event, summaries and slide presentations are posted on the Stand for Children website: www.stand.org/ma by clicking on the Winchester Chapter link.

LOOKING FOR FUN DURING THE SUMMER WEEKS? WHY NOT HAS FUN WHILE LEARNING?

Winchester Public Schools will be offering a **Summer Enrichment Program**. Enrichment courses range from animals and nature to MCAS prep and pod-casting. Courses are offered to all Winchester students and will be taught by Winchester Public School's teachers! For details on courses and registration information, visit our website at: www.winchester.k12.ma.us & click on "Summer Enrichment Program"

2009 SACHEM YOUTH FOOTBALL SKILLS CAMP (June 22 – 25) 5:00pm – 7:00pm

The Sachem Youth Football and cheerleading organization is excited to announce that it has finalized plans for its 2009 Summer Youth Football Skills Camp. The camp promises to provide the highest quality of instruction in a safe and FUN environment. The focus of the non-contact camp will be on improving each camper's football skills and knowledge of the game. The camp will also provide a football related conditioning segment during each session. All current 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are eligible. For additional information and to download a camp registration form, please go to www.sachemyouth.org

Space is limited and campers will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis.

PARTY FOR THE ARTS!

Please join the Winchester Friends of Art on March 28, 2009 for the annual PARTY FOR THE ARTS! The party celebrates and supports the visual arts program in the Winchester Public Schools, grades K-12, and all proceeds benefit the art programs in our schools. The party will be at the Sanborn House, 15 High Street Winchester, from 8:00-11:00 (21+) and the FREE STUDENT RECEPTION is from 2-4pm. Everyone is invited to admire the art work on display. Tickets for the evening party, \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, are available at Book Ends, or contact winchesterfoa@hotmail.com.

SANDLOT SOCCER IS STARTING April 11!! HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD YET?

Sandlot Soccer is the Winchester Soccer Club's program for boys and girls in kindergarten through 2nd grade ([learn more](#)). If you would like your child to play this spring, please register as soon as possible so the teams can be organized before the season starts. The Sandlot Age Group Coordinators will thank you!

Register here:
<http://wsc.westhost.com/reg.htm>.

WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS? WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MAKING ART AND MORTHERHOOD COLLIDE?

From the producing team, that won an Academy Award for Born Into Brothels, comes Who Does She Think She Is? a film that examines some of the most pressing balancing-act issues of our time: parenting and work, partnering and independence, economics and art. Please see the attachment for the details regarding this film.

MORE MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES

On March 22, 2:00 PM, WHS Sinfonietta and Orchestra join forces for a program of Music of Immigrant Cultures at the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington. This performance is presented in conjunction with the photography exhibition "Augustus Frederick Sherman: Ellis Island Portraits, 1905-1920." This family program includes a variety of music, including Scottish, Polish, Chinese, and Klezmer. This free concert is made possible through the musicians' commitment to Service Learning and is one of several community performances this school year.

A TASTE OF WINCHESTER

The Griffin Museum's 3rd Annual "A Taste of Winchester" Fundraiser will be held Friday, March 27, 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm at the Griffin Museum of Photography, 67 Shore Road, Winchester. Tickets include all you can eat "tasting," as well as sampling of specially selected wine and beer served by The Spirited Gourmet. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be purchased at the Griffin Museum or at Bookends. Space is limited, so get your tickets now! For more information, please call the Griffin Museum at 781-729-1158.

LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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